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Newburgh Community Action Teams Launch with Enthusiasm

Nearly 200 people filled the Newburgh Armory Unity Center gymnasium on Jan. 26, 2012 as Mayor Judy Kennedy announced the launch of Newburgh's Community Action Teams. The room was buzzing with energy as the Mayor began by saying, "I Have a Dream for Newburgh," and then invited the audience to join in the dream and be part of creating a new reality for the City of Newburgh.



Following the Mayor's power point presentation, attendees broke down into 14 teams as noted below:

Community Action Teams include:

- Broadway Transformation
- Clean & Beautify Newburgh
- Creating a Safe City
- Transportation
- Friends of Seniors
- Landlords and Tenants
- Youth
- Newburgh Heritage and Art Festival
- Building Business/Newburgh Business Association
- Marketing the City
- Job Creation
- Adopt-a-Block
- Bring the Remains Home (remains at SUNY New Paltz from the Colored Burial Ground at the Courthouse)
- Emergency Planning (for extreme weather conditions)

For the next 60 minutes the room was flowing with ideas and excitement as people worked on identifying the current challenges, creating team goals for the future and brainstorming solutions to reach those goals. Team leaders were selected and they will be meeting with the Mayor next Saturday morning to solidify the next steps. Anyone who is interested in joining a team and participating in this effort is invited to send an email to akuzmik@cityofnewburgh-ny.gov or call 845-569-7354. Please include the team you are interested in working on.

Mayor Kennedy said, “This room full of people confirms my belief that people really DO want to make a difference. With real vision and realistic goals, dedicated volunteers and city employees, the City of Newburgh will finally realize its full potential.”

